

# ***Joyful Noiz***

March 10- April 7, 2023 Newsletter

## **Irish blessings**

**M**ay the road rise to meet you,  
**M**ay the wind be always  
at your back,  
**M**ay the sun shine warm  
upon your face,  
and the rain fall soft  
upon your fields,  
and until we meet again,  
**M**ay God hold you  
in the hollow of his hand.

“May your days be many  
and your troubles be few.  
May all God’s blessings  
descend upon you.  
May peace be within you  
may your heart be strong.  
May you find  
what you’re seeking  
wherever you roam.”

~ Irish Blessings

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*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

## WHAT'S GOING ON AT ZION?

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### IN OUR CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Bill Bertram, Dakota Miller, Marlene Rhueff, Elaine Panyi, Tim Maloney, Steve Panyi,, Doug Lewis

➤If you would like to be remembered in prayer or know of someone who would appreciate being included in this list, please contact the church office.

### PASTOR COY

If you would like to meet with Pastor Coy, please make an appointment with the church office at **740-282-1793**. If you would like to get a hold of Pastor Coy directly, his cell number is **330-301-0551**.

### CANCELLATIONS

Service cancellations will be shared on our website; [www.zionuccsteubenville.com](http://www.zionuccsteubenville.com) and Facebook; @ZionUCCSteubenvilleOH.

### NOW LIVESTREAMING!

We're now livestreaming our church services on you tube. Check us out! Zion UCC Steubenville <https://youtube.com/@zionucc6794?si=EnSIkaIECMiOmarE>

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

There will be a service on **Maundy Thursday, April 6, from 12:00-12:30 PM**. We will transition into a Good Friday remembrance.

### EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

We will be offering Lilies, Hyacinths, and Tulips this year for Easter Memorial Flowers. Cost will be \$14 each. Orders must be in by April 2.



## *Pastor's Pen*

### A New Life

Through the blood and death of Jesus comes eternal life. The old is gone, a new life is beginning. It happens each spring and can happen each day of our lives if we let it. Winter can be long dark and lonely. Just like when we are not following a Godly life. Then buds appear, flowers start to pop through the earth, birds start singing, and we somehow seem to feel better. Same with our lives once we give sin up for a better life, through Christ, joy fills our soul. We see the world in a different light. The gospel transfers our soul from the dreariness of sin into the newness of life and brings incredible joy.

God is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. But many times, we seem to forget this. We try to fix our lives on our own and everything becomes out of sync and out of the cycle of life. Just like spring, is just around the bend, God is right there when we mess up. He is ready to give us another chance, a new beginning. What would the world be if everything stayed the same. No surprises, no excitement, no hope of change. Everyone looks the same. All of us have the same thoughts, all of us have the same opinions, and we drive along in our car, in our lives not caring because nothing new is out there to look at. We don't talk to people because we only care about what we want, what we think. We don't look for any flowers because there are no different colors. All the flowers are yellow. No beautiful roses or tulips to look for because all the yellow looks the same. If we don't care about each other no need to look out your window because you don't care who is there. No new experiences, no summer, no fall, and no winter because nothing changes, nothing matters. If life doesn't matter, neither does sin. We don't worry about our tomorrow, our eternal life because nothing matters. Luckily for us God never leaves our side. We may fall away from Him but He is always waiting for us to come back to His light. He would hope we would live in love with all people, but that doesn't happen in all families let alone in the world of all our differences. But I would hope we can be kind and at least tolerate each other to see the beauty in each of us. So in the drab of winter days, we wonder how will life ever spring anew, we need to remember without the green leaf dying and falling to the ground, a new leaf, a bud, could not grow. Same way with us we need to end our sinful ways to enjoy the new life God has planned for each of us. With death of the old comes the spring of a new life. A better life. Eternal life!

Walk with the Lord,  
Rev. Walter Coy